

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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John BUTLER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Application No.: 10/635,017	)	Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha
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Filed: August 6, 2003	)	
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For: WOUND RETRACTOR	)	Confirmation No.: 7577

**Mail Stop - Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2007, the period for response being extended to March 31, 2007 by the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this reply.

**Remarks** follow the claim amendments section of this reply.